

September 4, 2003

TO ALL AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Since the first public notice of proposed changes to "Commercial Sea Urchin Fishery" regulations regarding the amendment of sections 120.7 and 190, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, changes have been made in the originally proposed language.

The changes reflect the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission's responses to comments that divers are willing to participate in the collection of red sea urchin population data but do not want to do so during the normal fishing season; clarify and make consistent with other regulations that authorization for taking red sea urchin for research data collection shall be given by the Department of Fish and Game's Marine Region Regional Manager or his or her designee; and specify that fishing activity records must be delivered, or if mailed, postmarked, by the 10th day of the month following the month to which the records pertain.

Because these regulations are different from, yet sufficiently related to, the originally proposed regulations, the Administrative Procedure Act requires that we make these changes available to you for a 15-day written comment period.

Attached for your review are the Updated Informative Digest and the originally proposed regulatory language with additions shown in double underline and deletions shown in ~~strike-out~~. Please direct inquiries to John M. Duffy or Sherrie Koell at the address below or telephone (916) 653-4899.

Please submit your written comments to the Commission office at 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by fax at (916) 653-5040 or by e-mail at FGC@dfg.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 20, 2003. All written comments must include the true name and mailing address of the commentator.

Sincerely,

John M. Duffy
Assistant Executive Director

Attachments